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THE "AGE" REPORTER FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS THAT AD APPEARED IN "AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY", "INTER-AVIA" (GENEVA) AND "KOMMENTAR" (SWEDEN). "AGE" ADMITS FRETILIN REPORT IS UNVERIFIED; WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE AD IN QUESTION.

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